City Council of Peachtree City

WORKSHOP

February 1, 2011

6:30 p.m.

The Mayor and City Council of Peachtree City will hold a workshop on Tuesday, February 1, 2011, 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers. The purpose of the workshop is to discuss:

- Modification to the current Schedule of Fees for residential and commercial Building Permits to calculate these fees based on the valuation method,
- Fire Department specialty dive team,
- Fire Department work cycle,
- Gathering Place business plan, and
- Kedron Bubble acquisition timeline (memo will be available Monday)

This agenda is subject to change at any time up to 24-hours prior to the scheduled meeting

CITY OF PEACHTREE CITY

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: **Mayor and Council Members**

VIA: **Interim City Manager** JV
Permits Specialist/ Staff Assistant JP for KT

FROM: **Community Development Director** DMW/ja

DATE: **January 26, 2011**

SUBJECT: **Consider amendments to methodology for calculating Building Permit fees.**
February 3, 2011 City Council Workshop

Introduction:
Staff will be presenting an overview of our current fee schedule in relation to the proposed valuation method for determining building permit fees. The purpose of this presentation will be to seek guidance from City Council as to whether or not there is a desire for us to proceed with developing a recommendation to transition from our current fee schedule to the industry-accepted valuation method.

Background information:
A Building Permit is required to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish or change the occupancy of a building or structure. Individual permits are also required to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical, or plumbing system.

Cities are permitted to recoup costs associated with services, administration and overhead within the Building Department by assessing permit fees. Staff has been working with SAFEbuilt in an effort to streamline our permitting process as well as to ensure the permit fees we assess for all projects align with the time and effort required to manage them.

The following documents are being provided for background information:

- Peachtree City Schedule of Fees (last revised November 18, 2010)
- International Building Code, Section 108 – Fees
- International Code Council, Building Valuation Data – August 2010

Attachments

PEACHTREE CITY FEE SCHEDULE

Effective 11/2010

	NEW
APPLICATION FEE	
Administrative variance	$25
Special exception variance	$250
Variance	$250
Appeal	$250
Annexation - Step 1	$250
Annexation - Step 2	$600 + $50\acre
Rezoning	$600 + $50\acre
Zoning determination letter	$50
Street name change	$250
TELECOMMUNICATION - FEES	
Administrative review	$250
Conditional Use Permit - Existing Facility	$2,000
Conditional Use Permit - New Facility	$4,500
SUBDIVISION - PLAN REVIEW FEE	
Concept plat	$250 + $4 per lot
Preliminary plat	$250 + $4 per lot
Construction plans	$300
Final plat	$250 + $10 per lot
Plat amendment	$50
Resubmittal	$100 each
Street numbering fee	$15.00 per lot
SITE PLAN - PLAN REVIEW FEE	
Conceptual site plan	$250 + $10 per acre
Final site plan	$250 + $10 per acre
Landscape plan	$150
Resubmittal	$100 each review
SITE INSPECTION FEE	
Land Disturbance Fee	$200 + $100 per site acre
Notice of Intent - State	$40 per acre of disturbed land
Notice of Intent - City	$40 per acre of disturbed land
Reinspection	$50 each occurrence
PERMIT, BUILDING (RESIDENTIAL)	
Building Permit fee	$.25 per heated SF ($300 min.)
Plan review fee	$.05 per total heated SF ($300 max.)
Resubmittal	$100 each
Additions/ remodeling	$.25 per total heated SF ($50 min.)
Demolition Permit	$300
Re-Roofing	$50
Garages	$50
Decks and porches	$50
Fences	$30
Accessory buildings	$30
Swimming pools	$100
Swimming pool fence	$30
Electrical trade permit	$50 min.
Plumbing trade permit	$50 min.
HVAC trade permit	$50 min.
Fireplaces	$50 for 1st unit, $4 each add./ unit
Reinspection fee - 1st	$50
Reinspection fee - 2nd	$75
Reinspection - subsequent	$100
Certificate of Occupancy (New)	$50
Certificate of Completion (Add\Reno)	$25
Duplicate Building Permit Card	$10
Duplicate Certificate of Occupancy	$10
Temporary Certificate of Occupancy	$200
PERMIT, BUILDING (COMMERCIAL)	
Building Permit fee	$5 per $1,000 est. const. cost ($300 min.)
Plan review fee (New & Add\Reno)	$.05 per total heated SF ($300 min.)
Resubmittal	$100 each
Additions/ remodeling	$5 per $1,000 est. const. cost ($300 min.)
Re-Roofing	$5 per $1,000 est. const. cost ($300 min.)
Demolition permit	$300
Electrical trade permit	$50 min.
Plumbing trade permit	$50 min.
HVAC trade permit	$50 min.
Reinspection fee - 1st	$50
Reinspection fee - 2nd	$75
Reinspection - subsequent	$100
Certificate of Occupancy (New)	$50
Certificate of Completion (Add\Reno)	$25
Duplicate Building Permit Card	$10
Duplicate Certificate of Occupancy	$10
Temporary Certificate of Occupancy	$200
PERMIT, OTHER	
Tree removal	pending
Tree removal - specimen tree (each)	pending
Sign	$100 per sign
Temporary sign/ banner	$30
Special event/Temporary Use	$25

2006 International Building Code (IBC)
Administration
Section 108
Fees

108.1 Payment of fees. A permit shall not be valid until the fees prescribed by law have been paid, nor shall an amendment to a permit be released until the additional fee, if any, has been paid.

108.2 Schedule of permit fees. On buildings, structures, electrical, gas, mechanical, and plumbing systems or alterations requiring a permit, a fee for each permit shall be paid as required, in accordance with the schedule as established by the applicable governing authority.

108.3 Building permit valuations. The applicant for a permit shall provide an estimated permit value at time of application. Permit valuations shall include total value of work, including materials and labor, for which the permit is being issued, such as electrical, gas, mechanical, plumbing equipment and permanent systems. If, in the opinion of the building official, the valuation is underestimated on the application, the permit shall be denied, unless the applicant can show detailed estimates to meet the approval of the building official. Final building permit valuation shall be set by the building official.

108.4 Work commencing before permit issuance. Any person who commences any work on a building, structure, electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system before obtaining the necessary permits shall be subject to a fee established by the building official that shall be in addition to the required permit fees.

108.5 Related fees. The payment of the fee for the construction, alteration, removal or demolition for work done in connection to or concurrently with the work authorized by a building permit shall not relieve the applicant or holder of the permit from the payment of other fees that are prescribed by law.

108.6 Refunds. The building official is authorized to establish a refund policy.

Building Valuation Data – August 2010

The International Code Council is pleased to provide the following Building Valuation Data (BVD) for its members. The BVD will be updated at six-month intervals, with the next update in February 2011. ICC strongly recommends that all jurisdictions and other interested parties actively evaluate and assess the impact of this BVD table before utilizing it in their current code enforcement related activities.

The BVD table provides the "average" construction costs per square foot, which can be used in determining permit fees for a jurisdiction. Permit fee schedules are addressed in Section 109.2 of the 2009 *International Building Code* (IBC) whereas Section 109.3 addresses building permit valuations. The permit fees can be established by using the BVD table and a Permit Fee Multiplier, which is based on the total construction value within the jurisdiction for the past year. The Square Foot Construction Cost table presents factors that reflect relative value of one construction classification/occupancy group to another so that more expensive construction is assessed greater permit fees than less expensive construction.

ICC has developed this data to aid jurisdictions in determining permit fees. It is important to note that while this BVD table does determine an estimated value of a building (i.e., Gross Area x Square Foot Construction Cost), this data is only intended to assist jurisdictions in determining their permit fees. This data table is not intended to be used as an estimating guide because the data only reflects average costs and is not representative of specific construction.

This degree of precision is sufficient for the intended purpose, which is to help establish permit fees so as to fund code compliance activities. This BVD table provides jurisdictions with a simplified way to determine the estimated value of a building that does not rely on the permit applicant to determine the cost of construction. Therefore, the bidding process for a particular job and other associated factors do not affect the value of a building for determining the permit fee. Whether a specific project is bid at a cost above or below the computed value of construction does not affect the permit fee because the cost of related code enforcement activities is not directly affected by the bid process and results.

Building Valuation

The following building valuation data represents average valuations for most buildings. In conjunction with IBC Section 109.3, this data is offered as an aid for the building official to determine if the permit valuation is underestimated. Again it should be noted that, when using this data, these are "average" costs based on typical construction methods for each occupancy group and type of construction. The average costs include foundation work, structural and nonstructural building components, electrical, plumbing, mechanical and interior finish material. The data is a national average and does not take into account any regional cost differences. As such, the use of Regional Cost Modifiers is subject to the authority having jurisdiction.

Permit Fee Multiplier

Determine the Permit Fee Multiplier:

1. Based on historical records, determine the total annual construction value which has occurred within the jurisdiction for the past year.
2. Determine the percentage (%) of the building department budget expected to be provided by building permit revenue.

$$\text{Permit Fee Multiplier} = \frac{\text{Bldg. Dept. Budget x (\%)}}{\text{Total Annual Construction Value}}$$

Example

The building department operates on a $300,000 budget, and it expects to cover 75 percent of that from building permit fees. The total annual construction value which occurred within the jurisdiction in the previous year is $30,000,000.

$$\text{Permit Fee Multiplier} = \frac{\$300{,}000 \times 75\%}{\$30{,}000{,}000} = 0.0075$$

Permit Fee

The permit fee is determined using the building gross area, the Square Foot Construction Cost and the Permit Fee Multiplier.

Permit Fee = Gross Area x Square Foot Construction Cost x Permit Fee Multiplier

Example

Type of Construction: IIB
Area: 1st story = 8,000 sq. ft.
2nd story = 8,000 sq. ft.
Height: 2 stories
Permit Fee Multiplier = 0.0075
Use Group: B

1. Gross area:
Business = 2 stories x 8,000 sq. ft. = 16,000 sq. ft.
2. Square Foot Construction Cost:
B/IIB = $143.16/sq. ft.
3. Permit Fee:
Business = 16,000 sq. ft. x $143.16/sq. ft x 0.0075
= $17,179

Important Points

- The BVD is not intended to apply to alterations or repairs to existing buildings. Because the scope of alterations or repairs to an existing building varies so greatly, the Square Foot Construction Costs table does not reflect accurate values for that purpose. However, the Square Foot Construction Costs table can be used to determine the cost of an addition that is basically a stand-alone building which happens to be attached to an existing building. In the case of such additions, the only alterations to the existing building would involve the attachment of the addition to the existing building and the openings between the addition and the existing building.
- For purposes of establishing the Permit Fee Multiplier, the estimated total annual construction value for a given time period (1 year) is the sum of each building's value (Gross Area x Square Foot Construction Cost) for that time period (e.g., 1 year).
- The Square Foot Construction Cost does not include the price of the land on which the building is built. The Square Foot Construction Cost takes into account everything from foundation work to the roof structure and coverings but does not include the price of the land. The cost of the land does not affect the cost of related code enforcement activities and is not included in the Square Foot Construction Cost.

Square Foot Construction Costs [a, b, c, d]

Group (2009 International Building Code)	IA	IB	IIA	IIB	IIIA	IIIB	IV	VA	VB
A-1 Assembly, theaters, with stage	209.03	201.94	196.75	188.15	176.47	171.57	181.48	161.35	154.50
A-1 Assembly, theaters, without stage	191.23	184.13	178.94	170.34	158.71	153.81	163.67	143.59	136.74
A-2 Assembly, nightclubs	160.09	155.52	151.22	145.17	136.30	132.65	139.79	123.65	119.04
A-2 Assembly, restaurants, bars, banquet halls	159.09	154.52	149.22	144.17	134.30	131.65	138.79	121.65	118.04
A-3 Assembly, churches	193.14	186.04	180.85	172.26	160.58	155.68	165.58	145.46	138.61
A-3 Assembly, general, community halls, libraries, museums	162.16	155.07	148.87	141.28	128.60	124.70	134.60	113.47	107.62
A-4 Assembly, arenas	190.23	183.13	176.94	169.34	156.71	152.81	162.67	141.59	135.74
B Business	161.58	155.71	150.53	143.16	129.88	125.17	137.22	114.17	108.80
E Educational	175.15	169.10	163.94	156.43	144.88	137.56	151.05	126.61	121.84
F-1 Factory and industrial, moderate hazard	96.91	92.37	86.79	83.63	74.69	71.55	80.00	61.55	57.91
F-2 Factory and industrial, low hazard	95.91	91.37	86.79	82.63	74.69	70.55	79.00	61.55	56.91
H-1 High Hazard, explosives	90.85	86.31	81.73	77.57	69.81	65.67	73.94	56.67	N.P.
H234 High Hazard	90.85	86.31	81.73	77.57	69.81	65.67	73.94	56.67	52.03
H-5 HPM	161.58	155.71	150.53	143.16	129.88	125.17	137.22	114.17	108.80
I-1 Institutional, supervised environment	162.37	156.65	152.01	145.43	133.42	129.91	141.65	119.85	115.15
I-2 Institutional, hospitals	271.73	265.86	260.68	253.31	239.20	N.P.	247.37	223.49	N.P.
I-2 Institutional, nursing homes	189.29	183.43	178.25	170.87	157.89	N.P.	164.93	142.19	N.P.
I-3 Institutional, restrained	184.09	178.22	173.04	165.67	153.62	147.91	159.73	137.92	130.54
I-4 Institutional, day care facilities	162.37	156.65	152.01	145.43	133.42	129.91	141.65	119.85	115.15
M Mercantile	119.23	114.67	109.36	104.31	95.08	92.44	98.94	82.44	78.82
R-1 Residential, hotels	163.76	158.05	153.40	146.82	134.98	131.47	143.21	121.40	116.71
R-2 Residential, multiple family	137.01	131.30	126.66	120.08	108.90	105.39	117.13	95.33	90.63
R-3 Residential, one- and two-family	128.70	125.13	122.06	118.84	114.47	111.50	116.87	107.27	100.95
R-4 Residential, care/assisted living facilities	162.37	156.65	152.01	145.43	133.42	129.91	141.65	119.85	115.15
S-1 Storage, moderate hazard	89.85	85.31	79.73	76.57	67.81	64.67	72.94	54.67	51.03
S-2 Storage, low hazard	88.85	84.31	79.73	75.57	67.81	63.67	71.94	54.67	50.03
U Utility, miscellaneous	70.31	66.34	62.07	58.69	52.32	48.93	55.76	40.58	38.66

a. Private Garages use Utility, miscellaneous
b. Unfinished basements (all use group) = $15.00 per sq. ft.
c. For shell only buildings deduct 20 percent
d. N.P. = not permitted

Discussion to Disband Peachtree City Fire Department Dive Team

Historical Perspective

- Dive Team has been existence for over 25 years. Only Dive Team left in Fayette County
- Presently; Dive Team includes 7 certified Divers, 2 certified Dive Masters, and 7 surface support personnel.
- Team members are career (F/T & P/T) and volunteer.
- Equipment includes scuba gear, boats and truck shared with Swift Water Rescue Team (SRT).

Nature and Design of the Water Rescue Team

- Master Boat Operators (added 2000):
  - Management and rescue above the water surface
- Swift Water Rescue Team (added 2004):
  - Management and rescue on the waters surface
- Dive Team:
  - Search, secures, retrieves and documents of body recovery or of evidence

Nature and Design of the Dive Team

- By the nature of the Dive Team no live rescues have been successful.
  - The Dive Team searches, secures, retrieves and documents evidence recovery
  - The Dive Team searches for, secures, retrieves and documents body recoveries.

Historical Perspective

- Dive Team has deployed 31 times in past ten years.
- Emergency Responses (drowning, overturned boats, suspected drowning)
  - 12 Peachtree City
  - 3 Fayette County
  - 8 Outside Fayette County
- Evidence Recovery
  - 3 Peachtree City
  - 1 Fayette County
- Stand-By (4^{th} of July, Triathlon)
  - 12 Peachtree City

Proposal

- Disband Fire Department Dive Team immediately.
- Transfer pertinent equipment to SRT.
- Surplus all non-essential SCUBA equipment.
- Request Equipment Funds be used to repair Dive Team equipment that will be utilized with SRT.

Present

- Past 2 years the budget constraints required cuts or the delaying of all equipment purchases and most repairs.
- FY11 Budget has only $2,000 available for equipment purchases and repairs due to budget constraints.
- Costs to maintain Dive Team to be able to perform safe dive operations within NFPA and OSHA standards requires immediate purchase of $18,262 of equipment.

Present

- Additional expenditures of at least $41,000 for required communications equipment was identified for next year.
- Continuing funding of the Dive Team in the out years the Dive Master has estimated it will cost at least $7,500 a year.

Bottom Line

- Department can not sustain this “level of service” without a substantial increase in funding.
- SRT will continue perform some of the rescue duties. Shore, boat or above water surface rescue efforts.
- Nearest Dive Teams are Cobb County Police, Henry County Fire and La Grange Fire.
  - All have one hour activation plus at least one hour travel time
  - All are mandated and certified

Mutual Aid Costs

- Reimbursement:
  - Most situations, call outs, fall under the Mutual Aid category
  - In situations which require reimbursement, billing would be similar to that of a Hazardous Materials incident.
    - The Organization or Entity
    - Privat e insurer
    - The City

IMPACT

- Will not be able to perform timely underwater rescues. Mutual Aid required.
- No evidence recovery. Mutual Aid required.
- Limited victim recovery. Mutual Aid required.
- Lowering our “level of service” at the time Lake McIntosh is being built in Peachtree City.

Discussion:
Change the
Fire Department
Work Cycle

Understanding, Efficiency,
Accuracy, Cost

Historical Perspective

- Peachtree City adopted a 19 day (144 hours) work cycle many years ago when only three firefighters were assigned to each shift. This is the current work cycle that we use.
- Few firefighters understand how their pay is calculated.
- Few people understand how to administer current fire department payroll.

Option under FLSA Exemption

- Federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), 29 USC §207(k), permits public sector fire departments to establish work periods which can increase the FLSA overtime thresholds beyond the normal 40-hour week.
- For example, in a 28-day work period firefighters would be entitled to FLSA overtime only for hours worked over 212 hours during that 28-day work period (in essence a 53 hour work week).

Proposal

- Realign Fire Department work cycles with the City's payroll calendar and adopt a 28 day (212 hours) work cycle in place of the current 19 day (144 hours) cycle.

Present - Operations

- Present 19 day work cycle requires each firefighter to take off 24 hours without pay every 57 days, this is referred to as a Kelly Day.
- All firefighters and officers must take 6 or 7 Kelly Day shifts off each year.
- This usually requires 3 personnel scheduled off every day during their shift's Kelly Day cycle.

Present - Operations

- Each Kelly Day must be covered by part-time personnel or overtime for the Department to maintain our established staffing level for safety.
- Trying to schedule with Kelly Days, vacation days, military leave, sick days has become a management challenge with the current (short) Kelly Day cycle. Overtime often must be utilized with unexpected sick outs.

Proposed - Operations

- The adoption of the proposed 28 day work cycle will require each firefighter to take a Kelly Day 84 days.
- Stretching to a 28 day cycle will reduce the number of unpaid shifts per firefighter to 4-5 Kelly Days per year.
- Full-time personnel will be required to work an additional 48 hours each year with pay.
- Firefighters would work 2,832 hours each year instead of the current 2,784 hours.

Advantages - Administrative

- New computerized payroll system will support a 28 day cycle but not a 19 day cycle.
- Automating the payroll process will significantly reduce the administrative time necessary to manually calculate ‘overtime hours’ across two or three City paychecks.
- Automation increases the accuracy of the calculations lessening potential mistakes.

Advantages - Operations

- Fewer Kelly Days must be covered with part time or overtime to maintain adequate staffing.
- Less chance of overtime because less firefighters are off simultaneously during Kelly Day cycle. (Currently 2 or 3 each shift under 28-day cycle it will be 1 or 2)

Budget Impacts

- A potential reduction of part-time hours necessary to cover Kelly Days will significantly reduce the net cost.
- All firefighters would be paid for an additional 48 hours of work per year at their current hourly rate.
- A nominal amount of 'overtime' (4hrs) would be built into each 28 day schedule whenever an employee works 9 full shifts without taking any paid leave.

Budget Impacts

- Total estimated reduction in Part Time Coverage: -$ 36,799
- Total anticipated reduction in Kelly cycle Overtime: -$ 25,099

- Total estimated increase in Full Time Salaries: +$ 45,418.00
- Total anticipated increase in Built In Overtime: + $ 24,601
- Total anticipated increase in Benefits: + $ 765

- Net Annualized Budget Increase: $ 8,886

Implementation

- The only date within an extended period of time when such a realignment can take place is May 9th.
- Present 19 day cycle ends on May 8th and a new City pay period starts on May 9th.

THE GATHERING PLACE
INFORMATION AS REQUESTED

November 2010

Who are the Users?
- Users of The Gathering Place
- Users of The Annex

Members of The Gathering Place
- Residency information
- Revenue generated from membership
- Factors contributing to reduction in membership

What is the Program at The Gathering Place?
- Interest Groups, defined and listed
- Special Events
- Classes offered to residents age 50 +
  - (2008, 2009, 2010)

Revenue & Budgets

Bridge Groups of The Gathering Place
- All Groups,
- ACBA,(American Contract Bridge Association League)
- Other, Non-League Groups
- Residency, Hours of Play, and Location

What "The Users" may want you to know

Users of The Gathering Place are:

- **Participants who are "members" holding an annually purchased access card entitling them to routine activities, such as the interest groups**

- **Participants enrolled in instructed classes**

- **Participants who have rented the facility or who are guests of renters**

- **Participants on a drop in basis---**
  For programs open to the public, as Christmas Open House, Candidates Forums, Informational Seminars, Visitors (including prospective residents) inquiring about the city, our recreation program, or assistance for older adults, volunteers, Blood Drive donors, voters

Users of "The Annex" are:

Participants enrolled in instructed classes

Primarily new classes or classes scheduled at a high demand time and when there is insufficient room at The Gathering Place

Current examples as of 11/2010. (Access Card not required)

- Acrylic Painting class, weekly
- Tai Chi from the Arthritis Foundation
- Sewing Fundamentals Class (daytime & evening)

No-Cost Use Programs, other than Access Card

- Morning Exercise Group on 1st Friday (due to Blood Drive @ The Gathering Place)
- Music Alive, weekly in evening
- Wednesday Bridge League, daytime
- Tuesday & Thursday evening & Saturday Bridge League
- Parkinson's Support Group, monthly daytime

Without use of The Annex the above groups would have to be canceled, relocated, or scheduled at other (non-prime) time frames.

Membership Information
At The Gathering Place

2010	Total Number of Members:	548
	Number of Members Fayette Co:	501
	Out/ Co:	47
	Total Revenue:	$5,950.
2009	Total Number of Members:	486
	Number of Members Fayette Co:	426
	Out /Co:	60
	Total Revenue:	$5,460
2008	Previous to date of sale for Membership Cards For routine access to The Gathering Place program	

(NOTE: Discrepancies in earlier figures were the result of obtaining numbers for each year without regard to early renewals taken in 2009 to provide better service to the customers in January. 2011 renewals did not begin until 1/3/11)

Factors contributing to reduced membership:

- Participants with desire, additional needs, and having ability go to Fayette Senior Services for more services and activity
- The percentage of users aging and no longer sufficiently active to participate (the same customers considered to be "seniors" when facility opened 16 years ago)
- Economic conditions discouraging participation in classes with enrollment fee
- Crowded conditions in facility when users participate
- Lack of staff-led program activity (Red Hat Chapter program, Lunch & Learn, Teas, special events
- No program or promotion funds budgeted

Interest Groups at The Gathering Place
for residents age 50 + over

The category of interest group includes clubs, support groups, & special program or event

2010 **Average of 24 Interest Groups each quarter**
2009 **Average of 48 Interest Groups each quarter**
2008 **Average of 42 Interest Groups each quarter**

A) All groups meeting as **Clubs** that have independent programs, budgets, and officers, have open membership to members primarily 50 years+ meeting from weekly to monthly basis

The Golden Kiwanis,
Veterans of Foreign Wars,
The Pioneers (founding group of senior citizens),
Peachtree City Garden Club,
Peachtree City Woman's Civic Club,
Lion Creek Civitans

B) **Support Groups** primarily for adults 50 years + with widespread interest and not duplicated in the Fayette County area which meeting on a monthly basis

Breast Cancer Survivors Network, Inc.
Parkinsons Survivors & Caregivers Support Group

C)All groups of **specific program interest** meet on a regular basis without additional cost to collectively pursue that interest.

Bunko, Mexican Train Dominoes, Poker, Scrabble, Canasta, Exercise, Mom's Time Out, Awesome Grand-parenting, various Social Bridge groups, Music Alive, ARC Blood Drive donors, Happy 2-Somes (couples bingo) Red Hat Society Chapter, Charlotte's Club (single ladies) Book Discussion, Creative Crochet Guild, Spinners, New Neighbors League.

Special Events

2010 **Scheduled special events/programs**
Such as: Southernaires Concert, Pre-Planning Seminar w/ inspirational music, Reiki Informational Seminar, Home Safety, Fall Prevention , Clean Energy Cap & Trade Information meeting, Divorce Options Seminar, Box Lunch program & Game Play,

2009 **Scheduled special events/programs**
such as: Candidates Forum, Tax Assistance by AARP Grand Boomers, Also "Lunchtime Learning seminars, ("Stress"," Nutrition/Weight Loss and eating for maximum performance"), "Healthy Living to 100", "Women's", "Health, Pressure Point Therapy', Halloween Bash, C.E.R.T. for Seniors, Financial Planning Series, Medicare & Long term Care Workshop

2008 **Scheduled special events/programs**
such as: Boomer Women's Wellness Retreat , "Body Care-Brain Power", Historical gamers, Diabetes Management, Evening series on retirement planning, Senior Adult Council, Artists Gathering, Elvis Birthday, Chinese New Year Party, Same Day Travel,

Classes Offered at The Gathering Place

for residents age 50+

(Access Card not required)

2010	**85 Classes offered (21 new classes)** **62 Classes had sufficient enrollment**
2009	**97 Classes offered (49 new classes)** **43 Classes had sufficient enrollment**
2008	**118 Classes offered (39 new classes)** **54 Classes had sufficient enrollment**

REVENUE FROM RENTALS OF THE GATHERING PLACE

2008	$ 8,928.50
2009	$14,452.50
2010	$14,009.

BUDGETS OF THE GATHERING PLACE

2008	$ 181,142. Budgeted
2009	$ 191,093. Budgeted
2010	$ 166,742. Budgeted

2010 Bridge Groups

Figures reflect first 3 Quarters of 2010 (Jan-Sept)
Bridge Groups

All hold Access Cards, No facility use cost

A) Residency:

Total number of visits from <u>all Groups</u> 8609
Total number of PTC resident visits 6025
Total number of other Fay Co resident visits 867
Total number of Out of County resident visits 1714

B) Hours of Play & Location:

<u>American Contract Bridge Assoc. League Total :153 persons</u>

6 groups play weekly= Total of 96 hours per month

32 hours per month at GP
64 hours per month at Annex

Residency of League Players=
Approx 53% PTC residents, 12% other Fay Co, 28 Out of Co

<u>Other, Non-League Bridge Groups Total: 151 persons</u>

Marathon, monthly 4 hours per month 40 players all PTC
"Pizza" & Bridge 4 hours per month 12 players all PTC
Social Bridge 32 hours per month 59 players all PTC/Fay Co
Other "Practice" play Bridge, 3 groups
48 hours per month 29 PTC, 4 Fay Co, 7 Out Co
Location= All play at GP

Comments from Users of The Gathering Place
Gregory West,
313 Chimney Sweep Circle, PTC
"The Gathering Place is as much a part of Peachtree City lifestyle as golf carts and the paths. We founded it, we built it with our money for our parents who we asked to move to Peachtree City to be a part of our lives. It was to be a place for adults and for the benefit of Peachtree City residents. We have held a 50th Anniversary party for our parents, rehearsal dinner for our daughter, attended Candidates Forums, Blood Drives, and more. Any program changes go against the vision by which The Gathering Place was founded and further undermines our vision and our promises to our senior adults."

Bonnie Mullikin
265 Spear Road, PTC
I have been a volunteer at The Gathering Place since its opening in 1994 and have found it to be extremely rewarding because the facility means so much to so many residents. People drop in to chat, play cards, or engage in a wide variety of activities, all of which allow them to interact with a friend, a neighbor. Or perhaps, they come for a class, to not only be with others, but also learn or practice something. The facility evolves as the needs and wants of our Peachtree City residents evolve, as we all age, schedules and routines change, residents move in and out, but The Gathering Place should remain a constant, a gathering place for all adults of PTC.

Joan Patiz
1113 Barberry Lane, PTC
I am currently a member of a group that has met at the Gathering Place MWF from 9 until 10 am. For the past 7 years. The Recreation Department allows us to meet without charging a fee other than the $10 per year facility use fee. Everyone is the group suffers from Arthritis and we meet to try to make it better. We exercise, according to the program suggested by the Arthritis Association, we share news of events and activities in the community, and we enjoy one anther's company. We celebrate one another's birthday and joyous occasions such as the birth of a first grandchild and we help out and console when one of us is ill. The group has grown from five members to twenty eight and new people come all the time. The Recreation Department has worked with us to develop a program that works for us-the community is working together

Steve Douds
203 Malfern Pt., PTC

I achieved Life Master level bridge player and appreciate the opportunity to play with my parents who also achieved the Life Master level at the same time. They play more frequently as they are retired and have a routine coming to the Gathering Place. The opportunity to learn, grow, and be mentally challenged is due to the space afforded us at The Gathering Place and the competitive players who are attracted from neighboring areas to our community. Please preserve current programming and the opportunity to expand in the future but not be altered by additional definition, but to serve the recreational needs of adults in PTC.

Some Factors in Determining Program for The Gathering Place

Are you aware that The Gathering Place provides recreational programs to active adults in the community and does give scheduling priority to adults 50 years of age and older during daytime hours. Within the routine program, The Gathering Place currently offers the following "services" listed by the National Council on Aging as appropriate for facilities services older adults:

- Education & Arts Programs
- Social & Recreational Activities
- Volunteer Opportunities (Community Blood Drives, group leaders & assistants, front desk substitutes, city volunteer T.E.A.M program
- City involvement (six civic clubs meet at facility)
- Intergenerational programs (Scheduled as special events, club memberships, and with class enrollments)
- Health, Fitness, & Wellness programs (Lunch & Learn, classes, scheduled speakers, support groups & interest groups
- Public benefits program & counseling (AARP tax assistance, speakers on Medicare & veterans programs

What Users want Others to know about The Gathering Place

While often incorrectly perceived as a center strictly for senior citizens, The Gathering Place assists adults to remain active, independent, and socially involved by providing a variety of program opportunities. It is proudly a recreational facility, not one with emphasis on social services. The Gathering Place is unique due to the planned features of Peachtree City. It is a comfort for users to realize the availability of The Gathering Place to most residents by golf cart and the convenience of many families of users for the independence this maintains. The Gathering Place is often credited as a reason why parents and adult children are encouraged to relocate to Peachtree City as they can independently pursue their own interests, and establish their social network. Over a dozen families have annual private events at this facility as renters year after year and stop by to visit and share with others the memories made or the experience of first walking in to The Gathering Place and what impact it has had on their life.

TOTAL EXPENSE AND REVENUE FOR THE GATHERING PLACE

Based on budgeted amounts per current and projected square footage of facility 2010/11

	Current Size: 4,820 sq ft		Expansion: 3,750 sq ft	Projected Total w/Expansion
EXPENSES				
UTILITIES				
Alarm System	396.00	-0.08	300.00	$ 696.00
Cleaning	4,800.00	-0.99	3,713.00	$8,513
HVAC	2,080.00	-0.43	161.00	$ 2,241.00
Pest Control	100.00	-0.02	75.00	$175.00
Termite Control	110.00	-0.02	75.00	$185.00
Gas	3,240.00	-0.67	2,512.50	$ 5,752.50
Electricity	4,380.00	-0.91	3,413.00	$ 7,793.00
OFFICE/OPERATING SUPP.	2,652.00	-0.55	1,459.00	$ 4,111.00
NON-SELF SUPPORT PROG.	400.00	-0.08	300.00	$ 700.00
LIABILITY INSURANCE	1,061.00	-0.22	825.00	$ 1,886.00
SELF-SUPORT PROGRAMS	20,000.00	-4.1	15,375.00	$ 35,375.00
SMALL TOOLS/EQUIPMENT	2,258.00	-0.47	1,763.00	$ 4,021.00
PERSONNEL SERVICES				$ 172,651.00
1 F/T, 2 P/T	106,651.00			
2PT Cust. Service (evening/wkend)			33,000.00	
2PT Maintenance (evening/wkend)			33,000.00	
Flu Shots	75.00			$ 375.00
UNIFORMS				
Staff Shirts	60.00		40.00	$ 100.00
2 Maintenance uniforms			392.00	$ 392.00
Maintenance boots			200.00	$ 200.00
Totals	**148,263.00**		**96,603.50**	**$ 245,166.50**
REVENUE				
Class and access fees	$23,258 (4.8)		18,000.00	$ 41,258.00
Rental of Facility Space	$10,984 (2.28)		8,550.00	$ 19,534.00

Not considered for expansion: Technical Services ($200), Computer Needs ($150), Air Freshners ($300), Copier rental ($3,036), Communications ($4,557), Dues/Fees ($65), Education/Training $750) , Computer Supplies ($750) and Motor Vehicle Report ($6)